

# MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

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# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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## Rise As One

Dr. Parker, Mr. Smedley, & Mr. Elkins, & MVCSC Board of School Trustees -

Over the past six years, the MVHS and MVMS athletic departments have worked to keep fees low for our student-athletes. We removed the participation fees in 2015, and have kept the transportation fee the same, even in the face of rising rates. That rate has been \$40 at the high school (one time per year). We have recognized free & reduced students, making their fee ½ or free. This fee does not come close to covering all of the transportation expenses throughout the year that the athletic departments take on. At this time, we would propose that we raise the transportation fee by \$10 at MVHS (from \$40 to \$50) while still recognizing free & reduced students.

We thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Brandon Ecker

## Rationale

1. The current transportation fee does not cover the cost of transportation.
  - a. Fuel prices rising
  - b. Driver pay increase over the past 6 years has added up
  - c. 2016-17 Deficit - \$6660.11
  - d. 2017-18 Deficit - \$4439.83
  - e. 2018-19 Deficit - \$2186.10
  - f. 2019-20 Deficit (partial year) - \$4,924.68
  - g. 2020-21 Deficit - \$13,987.47 (significant jump due to postseason success)
2. 2021-22 Projections:
  - a. 575 Athletes
  - b. 460 @ full fee (\$50) = \$23,000
  - c. 58 @ reduced (\$25) = \$1450
  - d. 57 @ free = \$0
  - e. Total collected = \$24,450
  - f. Predicted Transportation Cost = \$27,000 (leaves a deficit of \$2550, closing the gap for the department without gouging the families).
3. Even with a bump to \$50, we are still below our fellow county and conference schools
  - a. New Palestine \$70 + \$40 participation fee (\$110 total)
  - b. Greenfield-Central \$60
4. This will allow us to take any savings from money that we are not putting toward transportation and apply it directly back into our programs and facilities.



**Member of the Hoosier Heritage Conference**

**Boys Varsity Sports:** Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country • Football • Golf • Soccer • Swimming • Tennis • Track • Wrestling

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